

## Interview Summary

Application No.

09/609,253

Applicant(s)

WALKER ET AL.

Examiner

Vanel Frenel

Art Unit

3627

All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

(1) Vanel Frenel.

(3) \_\_\_\_\_.

(2) Stephan J. Filipek.

(4) \_\_\_\_\_.

Date of Interview: 07 May 2007.

Type: a) ☐ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference

c) ☒ Personal [copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☒ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☒ No.

If Yes, brief description: \_\_\_\_\_.

Claim(s) discussed: 2, 49, 116

Identification of prior art discussed: De la Huerga (6,529,446) and Rebert et al (5,950,632)

Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☐ was not reached. h) ☒ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: \_\_\_\_\_.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

THE FORMAL WRITTEN REPLY TO THE LAST OFFICE ACTION MUST INCLUDE THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. (See MPEP Section 713.04). If a reply to the last Office action has already been filed, APPLICANT IS GIVEN A NON-EXTENDABLE PERIOD OF THE LONGER OF ONE MONTH OR THIRTY DAYS FROM THIS INTERVIEW DATE, OR THE MAILING DATE OF THIS INTERVIEW SUMMARY FORM, WHICHEVER IS LATER, TO FILE A STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. See Summary of Record of Interview requirements on reverse side or on attached sheet.

*Examiner and Applicant's Representative have been discussed about claims 2, 49 and 116. Suggestions were made to better recite the claimed invention by clarifying active steps of claim 2. Examiner <sup>will</sup> reconsider the applied references in light of amendments in accordance with changes discussed.*

Examiner Note: You must sign this form unless it is an Attachment to a signed Office action.

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Examiner's signature, if required

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## FORMAL RESPONSE

Re: Application Serial No. 09/609253, Attorney Docket No: 00-007  
Titled: "METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR INCREASING AND/OR FOR MONITORING  
A PARTY'S COMPLIANCE WITH A SCHEDULE FOR TAKING MEDICINES"

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U.S. Patent and Trademark Office: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**Applicant Initiated Interview Request Form**Application No.: 09/609253 First Named Applicant: Jay S. Walker  
Examiner: Vanel Frenel Art Unit: 3627 Status of Application: Pending

## Tentative Participants:

(1) Examiner Vanel Frenel (2) Stephan J. Filipek  
(3) \_\_\_\_\_ (4) \_\_\_\_\_Proposed Date of Interview: Monday, May 7, 2007 Proposed Time: 2:00 p.m. (AM/PM)

## Type of Interview Requested:

(1) ☐ Telephonic (2) ☒ Personal (3) ☐ Video ConferenceExhibit To Be Shown or Demonstrated: ☐ YES ☒ NO

If yes, provide brief description: \_\_\_\_\_

**Issues To Be Discussed**

Issues (Rej., Obj., etc.)	Claims / Fig. #s	Prior Art	Discussed	Agreed	Not Agreed
(1) <u>102(a) Rejections</u>	<u>49-50, 116-125</u>	<u>Reber et al.</u> <u>US 5950632</u>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(2) <u>103(a) Rejection</u>	<u>2-3, 5-47</u>	<u>Reber et al.</u> <u>and de la Huerga</u>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(3) _____	_____	<u>US 6529446</u>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(4) _____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

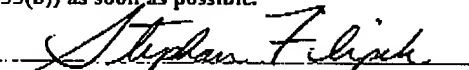
☐ Continuation Sheet Attached

Reber et al. does not teach a medicine container having a communication device to wirelessly communicate with at least one other medicine container. de la Huerga also fails to teach or suggest such operation, and does not teach indicating a number of times that the second container is beyond a range in which a first container can communicate with the second container.

An interview was conducted on the above-identified application on \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTE:** This form should be completed by applicant and submitted to the examiner in advance of the interview (see MPEP § 713.01).

This application will not be delayed from issue because of applicant's failure to submit a written record of this interview. Therefore, applicant is advised to file a statement of the substance of this interview (37 CFR 1.133(b)) as soon as possible.

  
Applicant / Applicant's Representative Signature

Examiner / SPE Signature

Stephan J. Filipek

Typed/Printed Name of Applicant or Representative

33,384

Registration Number, if applicable

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.133. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.11 and 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 21 minutes to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.